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11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
12 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
WESTERN DIVISION

13 CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY) Civ. No. 2:15-cv-04378-MWF/JEM
14 and LOS PADRES FORESTWATCH,)
15 Plaintiffs,) **DEFENDANTS' STATUS REPORT**
16 v.) **REGARDING PROCEEDINGS ON**
17 UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LAND) **REMAND**
18 MANAGEMENT, et al.,)
19 Defendants.) Judge: Hon. Michael W. Fitzgerald
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21 Per the Parties' Settlement Agreement, Defendants hereby submit their
22 quarterly written report regarding the status of proceedings on remand in this case.
23 See ECF No. 42-2 at 2.
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1 On May 3, 2017, this Court dismissed the case pursuant to the Parties'
2 Stipulation of Dismissal and Settlement Agreement. ECF No. 43. As part of the
3 Settlement Agreement, the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") agreed to prepare
4 appropriate National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") documentation to address
5 the deficiencies identified by the Court in its Order granting in part and denying in
6 part Plaintiffs' and Defendants' cross-motions for summary judgment. ECF No. 42-2
7 at 2. BLM also agreed to make best efforts to post the cover page of any application
8 for permit to drill ("APD") in the Bakersfield decision area within three days of
9 receipt. *Id.*

10 Since filing its last status report on February 4, 2019, BLM has continued to
11 post the cover pages of APDs submitted to the Bakersfield Field Office within three
12 working days of receipt on the agency's e-Planning website:
13 https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do. BLM has
14 continued to wait at least 30 days after posting the cover page on the ePlanning
15 website before approving an APD. BLM also posts records regarding APDs at
16 <https://reports.blm.gov/>. This website allows users to identify pending APDs and
17 review the status of APDs nationwide.

18 Also since the last status report, BLM completed the Bakersfield Field Office
19 Hydraulic Fracturing Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement ("Draft
20 SEIS"). On April 26, 2019, the BLM Bakersfield Field Office published the Draft
21 SEIS for a 45-day public review and comment period. *See* 84 Fed. Reg. 17885 (Apr.
22 26, 2019) (Notice of Availability of Draft SEIS). The Draft SEIS can be accessed
23 online at <https://go.usa.gov/xE3Nw>. BLM will notice public meetings during the
24 comment period to allow additional opportunities for comment on the Draft SEIS.

1 Currently, meetings are scheduled for May 21, 2019 in Bakersfield, May 22, 2019 in
2 San Luis Obispo, and May 23, 2019 in Santa Barbara from 6 to 8 pm PT.

3 Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of May, 2019.

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